

citizens; and

WHEREAS, Arizona's medical, academic, legal, and political communities, as well as ordinary citizens, have much to share in regard to issues of aging and dying in order to improve the level of care of the elderly;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, by the virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Arizona, by the Constitution and Laws of the State, do hereby create the Arizona Commission on Aging and the End of Life and delineate herein its structure and duties:

The Commission shall:

- Conduct research, take testimony from our citizens about their own family experiences, hear from qualified experts, gather the available historical, literary, and other material pertaining to issues of aging and dying;
- Develop recommendations for establishing standards for the elder care industry and policy in support of families caring for elderly loved ones;
- Develop recommendations for quality medical care at the end of life and for preservation of Arizona's legal and cultural disfavor of assisted suicide and euthanasia;
- Issue its final report to the Governor by December 31, 1997

Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Governor. Terms shall expire at the pleasure of the Governor. Appointees shall serve without compensation, except that they shall be compensated for their reasonable expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Fife Symington
Governor

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix in this Twenty-second day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Twenty-first.

ATTEST:

Jane Dee Hull
Secretary of State

EXECUTIVE ORDER 97-8

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ARIZONA COMMISSION ON AGING AND THE END OF LIFE

WHEREAS, the elderly citizens of Arizona deserve love, dignity, and respect; and

WHEREAS, those seniors who are ill or dying ought to receive sound medical attention which cherishes life and offers hope; and

WHEREAS, physician-assisted suicide would threaten the ethic of life which has always been the foundation of the medical professions; and

WHEREAS, the families, so vital to the protection of young and old alike should receive support from those who have a duty to heal; and

WHEREAS, well-enforced laws are needed to ensure that all personnel employed in the elder care industry meet minimum background standards, and that adequate standards of care are established and enforced throughout the elder care industry; and

WHEREAS, we must also end all unscrupulous exploitation of the financial resources held by our elderly